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The United States wishes to associate itself with the statement on human rights, sexual orientation and gender identity contained in the annex to the letter dated 18 December 2008 from the Permanent Representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Croatia, France, Gabon, Japan, the Netherlands and Norway to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly, contained in document A/63/635, which was circulated under agenda item 64 (b), "Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms".

We would appreciate it if the present letter were circulated as a document of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly under agenda item 64 (b).

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